

# Founding Minutes of Nauvoo Lodge, U.D.

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## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr. Mervin B. Hogan is recognized among Masonic students as one of the outstanding authorities on Mormonism and it's relation to Freemasonry of the present day.

Both his professional and Masonic credentials are extremely impressive. He was educated at the University of Utah, BSME 1927, the University of Pittsburgh MSME 1929, the University of Utah ME 1930, the University Michigan PHD 1936 and Yale University, Sterling Fellow (post-doctoral fellowship) 1937-1938.

From September 1927 through January 1931 he was employed by the Westinghouse Electric Corp. in East Pittsburgh Pa. where he graduated from the Graduate Training program and the Advanced Design Course. He also worked on mechanical development and design problems related to large rotating equipment. In January of 1931 he went to the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, where he served as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Mechanical Engineering. In addition to his teaching and administrative duties he carried on his private research and was available for duties as a personal consultant. On leaving the University, he spent 13 years working for General Electric Defense Electronics in Syracuse, N.Y. where he was responsible for the Product design and production of the ground based guidance equipment for both the Atlas and Mistram guidance systems. Since 1965 he has made his home in Phoenix, Arizona where he is employed by General Electric Computer Engineering as Manager of Design Review.

In addition Dr. Hogan is a Fellow ASME, Fellow Institution of Mechanical Engineers (London) a Senior Member IEEE has a PE license from New York, Michigan, Connecticut and Utah. He is the author of over 30 technical papers or monographs.

Masonically Dr. Hogan is a Past Master, a former Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Utah, a member of both rites and a 33 degree Scottish Rite Mason. He is a member of the Missouri Lodge of Research, the American Lodge of Research, (New York) Quartor Coronati 2076 (London) and a host of affiliated bodies.

He is a frequent contributor to such outstanding Masonic publications as the Philalethes magazine, the Royal Arch Mason, the New Age, and many others. In addition to these he has authored a number of fine Masonic articles for the various research organizations to which he belongs. He has concentrated his research mainly on the Mormon Lodges in the middle west and the relation between Mormonism and Masonry in the present day in the western states, particularly as it exists in the state of Utah. In addition to this work he has also written a number of articles relative to geometry and its relationship to Masonry.

His work as it pertains to Mormonism and Freemasonry has been checked and authenticated by both the Council of Twelve of the Latter Day Saints Church and the Grand Lodge of Utah.

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## THE FOUNDING MINUTES OF NAUVOO LODGE

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*"The working tools have fallen from their grasp,  
The journey ended for their weary feet.  
Death holds their tired hands in gentle clasp.  
Their work is done; their Temple is complete."*

— Anon.

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An appreciable number of renowned contributors to the history of the West, and particularly the Inter-Mountain Empire, were members of Nauvoo Lodge U.D. of Nauvoo, Illinois. In many cases one is hard put to separate those who immortalized themselves as leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints and the State of Utah from those included in the same capacity in the history of the generic West itself.

Hyrum Smith was a moving spirit in the organization of the Lodge and served zealously as the Worshipful Master *pro tempore* until the time of his death. Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon were accorded within the Lodge the ultimate honor of Freemasonry: that of being made Masons at Sight. This highly unusual recognition was conferred upon them by Abraham Jonas, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. Brigham Young, John Taylor and Wilford Woodruff, who successively followed Joseph Smith as President of the Mormon Church, received the Degrees of Masonry within the Lodge. Almost every one of the early Apostles, together with many other leaders of the Church at various echelons of responsibility, was likewise made a Mason within the Hall of Nauvoo Lodge.

These noted leaders and pioneers are of special interest to students and scholars concerned with the history of the times and places spanned by the accomplishments of these frontiersmen of singular conviction and demonstrated fortitude. Since there is a large and ever increasing living progeny of these historic progenitors, there is a definite interest in the record which they wrote on the archway of time.

The available record of Nauvoo Lodge consists of the Minute Book of the Lodge and two pages of members' signatures affixed to the Lodge By-Laws. The latter are evidently removed from the original volume containing the By-Laws which, by immemorial Masonic usage and tradition, must be signed by the newly Raised Mason before he attains full member status in the Lodge.

These historic documents are in the Archives of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of the State of Illinois, at Rushville.

The Minutes comprise forty handwritten pages executed by the perfidious and foresworn John Cook Bennett. By outright prevarication and misrepresentation he succeeded in being elected and duly installed as Secretary of the Lodge although he was under the sentence of expulsion from Pickaway Lodge No. 23 of Circleville, Ohio.

Bennett's longhand is distinctive in style and marked by a number of personal idiosyncrasies. It is characterized by the smooth and uniform fluency attained by one who daily employs his handwriting extensively in the performance of his vocation. It took me considerable time to become fully adjusted to the intricacies of his style so as to read the record with assurance, confidence, accuracy and ease.

As a secretary, Bennett's record leaves much to be desired. He consistently employs throughout his writing a stereotyped, dull, routine style and covers only the bare essentials pertaining to the Lodge transactions. As you read page after page, you wish he had had the interest and a bit of imagination which would have provoked him to record some of the many occurrences of

human interest pertaining to personal relations and individual exchanges. He is inaccurate and indifferent to the spelling of the names of both men and places and generally careless with the assignment itself.

Hyrum Smith's signature as Worshipful Master *pro tem* is somewhat stilted and in the copy-book style. The flourishes and the pen marks clearly indicate one who does not regularly or extensively utilize his hand in penmanship. This is even more marked and true for each of the few other men who signed the Minutes in the same capacity.

The signatures appended to the By-Laws span the spectrum of handwriting quality and styles. In a few cases one suspects that the scarcely decipherable and almost illegible signature indicates the possible limit of both the man's spelling and writing. In striking contrast is the impressive and unique signature of Parley P. Pratt which unquestionably ranks him as the John Hancock of Nauvoo Lodge. Approximately three times the height of any other associated signature, written vertically down the center of the page, its pronounced and appealing fluency is that of a man who knows he is an outstanding penman and is proud of the fact.

## Start of Record

## RECORD OF NAUVOO LODGE UNDER DISPENSATION

### **Copy of Dispensation.**

“To all who shall see these presents –

Whereas it appears to me, from the petition of sundry Brethren of Hancock County, in the State of Illinois, who are recommended and vouched to me, as worthy and fit Master Masons, by the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of Columbus Lodge, No. 6, held at Columbus in said State, that the congregating of said petitioners, and others, who they may think proper to admit into their lodge (when organized) will tend to promote the welfare and usefulness of the craft – and

Whereas lodges of masons in the recess of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois can be formed under its jurisdiction by special dispensation only —

Wherefore, I, Abraham Jonas, Grand Master of the said Grand Lodge of Illinois, do hereby, as Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge aforesaid, and according to the Constitution of Ancient York Masons, Grant this dispensation hereby authorizing and empowering our trusty and well beloved brother, George Miller, of said County of Hancock, to congregate a sufficient number of worthy brethren at some convenient place in the 'City of Nauvoo, in said County of Hancock, and then and there, with convenient dispatch to form and open a lodge after the manner of Ancient Masons, — and in pursuance of the petition aforesaid, I do hereby appoint our said brother, George Miller, Esq., the first Master, — John D. Parker to be the first Senior Warden, — and Lucius N. Scovil to be the first Junior Warden of the Lodge of Masons aforesaid, and to be opened and held at the said 'City of Nauvoo' as aforesaid, and to be known by the name of Nauvoo Lodge under dispensation - and I do further authorize the said Master, Wardens, and such Brethren as they may admit as members of said lodge, and their said lodge, when duly formed and opened, to enter, pass, and raise to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, all such as may be, by *all* the members of said lodge, deemed worthy, according to ancient custom, *and not otherwise*, with the intent and view that the brethren who may be so congregated, entered, passed, and raised may in due time, be duly warranted for being and holding a regular lodge, for the further promoting the Craft and increasing the number of Worthy Brethren — Provided, however, that this Dispensation do continue and be in force, until the next annual session (1st Monday in October 5842) of the Grand Lodge aforesaid, *and no longer.*

Given under my hand and private seal, at Columbus, in the State of Illinois,  
on this 15th day of October, A. L. 5841, and A.D. 1841.

Signed Abraham Jonas, (Seal)  
G. M. G. L. of Illinois."

A true copy.  
John C. Bennett,  
Secretary.

December 29th, A.L. 5841, A.D. 1841.

George Miller, Esq., Master of Nauvoo Lodge under Dispensation, congregated the following brethren at the office of brother Hyrum Smith; to wit: George Miller, Hyrum Smith, William Vanansdall, Joshua Smith, N. K. Whitney, William Felshaw, Austin Cowles, L. N. Scovil, Charles Allen, John Smith, Lyman Leonard, Hiram Clark, Samuel Rolfe, David Pettegrew, Christopher Williams, John Patten, John C. Bennett, and Heber C. Kimball.

The dispensation from Grand Master Jonas, dated 15th Oct. 5841, & 1841, was accepted. Brother Hyrum Smith was elected Senior Warden *pro tempore*; John C. Bennett, Secretary; N. K. Whitney, Treasurer; Charles Allen, Senior Deacon; Heber C. Kimball, Junior Deacon; William Felshaw, & Hiram Clark, Stewards; and Samuel Rolfe, Tyler.

John C. Bennett, H. C. Kimball, & George Miller, were appointed a committee to draft, & report a code of by-laws for the government of this lodge. The lodge, which was not opened in due form, then adjourned to meet again on the 30th Inst., at 6 o'clock, P.M., at the same place.

John C. Bennett,  
Secretary

December 30th, A.L. 5841, A.D. 1841

The lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present — George Miller, Worshipful Master; Hyrum Smith, S.W., p.t.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; John C. Bennett, S.; Charles Allen, S. D.; H. C. Kimball, J. D.; Wm. Felshaw & Hiram Clark, S.; S. Rolfe, T.; and Wm. Vanansdall, Joshua Smith, John Smith, Lyman Leonard, C. Williams, John Patten, Noah Rogers, Samuel Henderson, Elijah Fordham, & Asahel Perry, Members. John Smith was appointed Treasurer *pro tempore*, and the lodge was opened in due form in the Entered Apprentices' Degree. The Committee on By-Laws then reported the following code, which was unanimously adopted; to wit:

**“By-Laws of Nauvoo Lodge, under dispensation.**

**Meetings.**

Sec. 1. The stated meetings of this lodge shall be on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month, commencing at 6 o'clock, P.M.; Provided, that the first stated meeting shall be on Thursday, the 30th day of Dec., A.L. 5841, A.D. 1841.

**Duty of Officers.**

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Master to preside, preserve order, and

cause the by-laws of this lodge, and the usages of masonry, to be duly observed; to call emergent meetings when necessary; to take the voice of the lodge on all questions brought before it; and to perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

Sec. 3. The Senior and Junior Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer, Senior and Junior Deacons, Stewards, and Tyler, shall severally perform such duties as appertain to their respective stations by the usages of Ancient York Masonry.

### Of the Members.

Sec. 4. A member wishing to speak shall rise, and address the presiding officer.

Sec. 5. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject, unless to explain, without permission from the lodge.

Sec. 6. While the presiding officer, or any member, is addressing the lodge, or a member the presiding officer, no one shall leave his seat, or hold private discourse.

Sec. 7. Disorderly conduct shall be punished by admonition, suspension, or expulsion, as the case may require: Provided, however, that no one shall be expelled without the concurrence of two-thirds of all the members of the lodge.

Sec. 8. Should any member disclose to any person other than Ancient York Masons, in good standing, any of the proceedings or transactions of this lodge, improper to be made public, he shall be suspended, expelled, or otherwise dealt with, at the discretion of the lodge.

### Order of Business.

Sec. 9. Reading the minutes of the preceding meeting shall always be first in order; presentation of petitions next; reports of committees next; balloting for members, and the initiating, passing, and raising, shall follow; after which any miscellaneous business.

### Initiations, etc.

Sec. 10. Every person desirous of being initiated into this lodge, must prefer a petition in writing, stating his age, profession, trade, or occupation, and place of residence, which must contain a deposite of five dollars, as a fee for initiation, and be recommended by two master masons, one of whom must be a member of this lodge.

Sec. 11. If the petition be received it shall be referred to the standing committee of investigation, to report thereon at the next stated meeting.

Sec. 12. If the applicant be rejected, the member who handed in his petition shall return him his deposite with delicacy and politeness, and no member shall make known the fact of such rejection to any person other than the rejected, or the members of this lodge, or other masons, unless the person rejected should himself first make it public.

Sec. 13. Every brother desirous of being advanced in masonry; must undergo an examination in open lodge, touching his skill in the degree, or degrees, already taken; or be vouched for by a master mason.

### **Fees.**

Sec. 14. The fees of this lodge shall be as follows; to wit: for initiating, five dollars — passing, three dollars — raising, seven dollars — and the reception of members not made in this lodge, two dollars: to be recovered from all persons hereafter received.

### **Voting.**

Sec. 15. No candidate shall be initiated without the unanimous consent of the lodge.

Sec. 16. In electing officers, a majority of all the votes given shall be necessary to make a choice.

Sec. 17. Members can only be excused from voting by the lodge.

### **Committees.**

Sec. 18. All committees shall be appointed by the presiding officer, unless in particular cases the lodge should direct otherwise.

Sec. 19. The following standing committees shall be established; to wit:

A Committee of Investigation, to consist of three members, to inquire into the character of all applicants.

A Committee of Claims, to consist of three members to whom shall be referred all matters of claims against the lodge.

A Committee of Ways and Means, to consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all subjects of taxation and revenue; — and

A Committee of Charity, to consist of the Master, and Wardens, to whom shall be referred all matters and applications requiring charitable appropriations.

### **Dues.**

Sec. 20. Each member of this lodge shall pay the sum of fifty cents as quarterly dues.

### Fines.

Sec. 21. For non attendance at any stated meeting, the delinquent member shall be fined twenty-five cents, unless an excuse, satisfactory to the lodge, be presented at the succeeding stated meeting.

### Charity Fund.

Sec. 22. One half of the fees for initiations, passings, and raisings, after defraying expenses, shall be appropriated to the charity fund.

### Form of Petition and Recommendation.

To Nauvoo Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_;  
Master, Wardens, and Brethren: —

The Subscriber, residing in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ years of age, and by \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_, begs leave to state that he is desirous of becoming a member of your body, and freely offers himself as a candidate for the same. Should his petition be granted he will cheerfully conform to all the established usages and customs of the order.

A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_

This may certify, that we, the subscribers, are personally acquainted with Mr. A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_, and from a confidence in his integrity, and the up-rightness of his intentions, do cheerfully recommend and propose him as a proper candidate for the privileges, and benefits, of Ancient York Masonry.

C \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_,  
E \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_.

### Amendments.

Sec. 23. These by-laws may be amended at any time by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the lodge, - by giving one month's previous notice, at a stated meeting.

Heber C. Kimball, John C. Bennett, and N. K. Whitney, were appointed the standing Committee of Investigation.

Hyrum Smith, L. N. Scovil, and Charles Allen, were appointed the standing Committee of Claims; and Elijah Fordham, Samuel Rolfe, and Lyman Leondard, were appointed the standing Committee of Ways and Means.

The following members then reported themselves to hail from the lodges appended to their names respectively; to wit: George Miller, Widow's Son, No. 60, Va.; Hyrum Smith, Mount Moriah, No. 112, N. Y.; Wm. Vanansdall, Gallia, O.; Joshua Smith, Center Star, O.; L. N. Scovil, Morning Star, No. 83; O.; Charles Allen, Nova Cesarea Harmony, No. 2, O; John Smith, Harmony, N. Y.; Lyman Leonard, Binghamton, N. Y.; Hiram Clark, Queen of Sheba, N. Y.; Samuel Rolfe, Blazing Star, Me.; Christopher Williams, Fort George, U. C.; John Patten, Friendship, No. 173, N. Y.; John C. Bennett, Friendship, No. 89, O.; H. C. Kimball, Victor, No. 303, N. Y.; Noah Rogers, Morning Star, No. 83, O., Elijah Fordham, Hiram, No. 10, N. Y.; Samuel Henderson, Tyro, No. 12, Mo.; and Asahel Perry, Augusta, N. Y.

The following named persons preferred petitions for membership, to wit: Joseph Smith, aged 36, merchant; Willard Richards, aged 37, merchant; Brigham Young, aged 40, painter; John Snider, aged 40, brick-layer; Peter Haws, aged 46, farmer; Lyman Wight, aged 46, farmer; Amasa Lyman, aged 28, cutter; all of Nauvoo; J. B. Backenstos, aged 30, merchant, of Carthage; Sidney Rigdon, aged 48, Attorney at Law; Wilford Woodruff, aged 38, shop-keeper; John Taylor, aged , minister; all of Nauvoo; Asahel A. Lathrop, aged 31, farmer; Daniel C. Davis, aged 38, farmer; Wm. F. Cahoon, aged 27, carpenter; Henry Brows, aged 38, farmer; Isaac Williams, aged 43, farmer; James Newbury, aged 51, farmer; all of Zarahemla; Ephraim R. Marks, aged 23, student; Joel S. Miles, aged 26, student; Theodore Turley, aged 41, gun-smith; Joseph W. Johnson, aged 26, mason; Joseph B. Noble, aged 31, farmer; all of Nauvoo; Chauncey Robison, aged 35, recorder & post-master; J. C. Davis, aged 24, clerk of the circuit court, both of Carthage; Francis G. Bishop, aged 31, silversmith; F. H. Moeser, aged 36, grocer; D. B. Huntington, aged 33, city marshal; Simeon Carter, aged 47, farmer; Jared Carter, aged 42, shoe-maker; A. Ripley, aged 45, city surveyor; V. Knight, aged 37, bishop; W. D. Huntington, aged , constable; Wilson Law, aged , farmer; Orson Pratt, aged 30, Professor; Elias Higbee, aged , overseer; R. Cahoon, aged , overseer; Charles C. Rich, aged 31, cooper; G. A. Smith, aged 24, minister; Aaron Johnson, aged 35, carpenter; William Clayton, aged 27, clerk; Gustavus Hills, aged 38, watch-maker; Isaac Morley, aged 55, cooper; all of Nauvoo; all of whom were duly vouched for — which petitions were severally referred to the standing Committee of Investigation.

Resolved, That Grand Master Jonas be requested to attend at the installation, together with such friends as he may wish to invite, at the expense of the lodge.

The lodge then closed in due form, to stand closed until the next special communication to take place on Monday evening next, January 3rd, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

John C. Bennett,  
Secretary.

January 3rd, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842.

The lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present — George Miller, W. M.; Hyrum Smith, S. W.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; John C. Bennett, S.; N. K. Whitney, T.; Charles Allen, S. D.; Heber C. Kimball, J. D.; Wm. Felshaw, & Hiram Clark, S.; Samuel Rolfe, T.; and Joshua Smith, Lyman Leonard, David Pettegrew, Christopher Williams, John Patten, Noah Rogers, Elijah Fordham, Samuel Henderson, Asahel Perry, Daniel S. Miles, & Hezekiah, Peck, Members; and Mark Aldrich, of Warsaw, from Detroit, No. 1, Michigan, visiting brother. The following members then reported themselves to hail from the lodges appended to their names, respectively; to wit; N. K. Whitney, Meridian Orb, No. 10, O.; Wm. Felshaw, Hoozack, N.Y.; David Pettegrew, Nova Cesarea Harmony, No. 2, O.; Daniel S. Miles, Morning Dawn, Vt.; Hezekiah Peck, Friendship, No. 173, N. Y. An Entered Apprentices' Lodge was then opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read. No further business appearing in this degree, a Fellow Crafts' and Master Masons' Lodges were successively opened. Asahel Perry delivered a lecture on masonry, at the request of the Master & Brethren. No further business appearing the lodge closed on the Masters' Degree.

John C. Bennett,  
Secretary.

January 6th, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842.

The lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present — Hyrum Smith, S. W.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; John C. Bennett, S.; Charles Allen, S. D.; H. C. Kimball, J. D.; Wm. Felshaw, & Hiram Clark, S.; Samuel Rolfe, T.; and Lyman Leonard, Noah Rogers, Elijah Fordham, Samuel Henderson, Asahel Perry, Hezekiah Peck, & John E. Mikesel, Members. The S. W. called Asahel Perry to the Chair to act as Master *pro tempore*, and Hezekiah Peck to act as Treasurer *pro tempore*. An Entered Apprentices' Lodge was then opened in due form. John E. Mikesel reported himself to hail from Blazing Star, No. 5, Va. Benjamin Brown, from Forest, N. Y., was then received as a member of this lodge, and paid his fees of two dollars. The Committee of Ways and Means were directed to act in conjunction with the Stewards in procuring seats, altar, and desks, for this lodge. No further business appearing the lodge closed on the first degree.

John C. Bennett,  
Secretary.

January 20th, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842.

Stated meeting. Present — Hyrum Smith, S. W.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; John C. Bennett, S.; Charles Allen, S. D.; H. C. Kimball, J. D.; Wm. Felshaw, S.; Samuel Rolfe, T.; and Joshua Smith, A. Cowles, Noah Rogers, Elijah Fordham, Samuel Henderson, Asahel Perry, Hezekiah Peck, John A. Mikesel,

Members. Asahel Perry was called to the chair, Hezekiah Peck, appointed Treasurer, and Joshua Smith, S. - P.T. Auston Cowles reported himself to hail from Friendship 272, N.Y. Josiah Arnold was admitted a member. The lodge opened in due form, & adjourned.

John C. Bennett,  
Secretary.

February 3rd, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842.

Stated meeting. Present — Hyrum Smith, S. W.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; John C. Bennett, S.; Charles Allen, S. D.; H. C. Kimball, J. D.; Wm. Felshaw, & Hiram Clark, S.; Samuel Rolfe, T.; and Joshua Smith, A. Cowles, Lyman Leonard, David Pettegrew, Christopher Williams, Noah Rodgers, Elijah Fordham, Samuel Henderson, Asahel Perry, Hezekiah Peck, Benjamin Brown, & Josiah Arnold, Members. Asahel Perry was called to the Chair, and Hezekiah Peck appointed T. *pro tem*. The lodge was then opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read. Petitions were then presented from the following persons for the honors of masonry; to wit: Calvin A. Warren, of Quincy, aged 33, Attorney at Law; George P. Stiles, of Carthage, aged 24, Attorney at Law; Warren Smith, aged 37, Blacksmith; L. E. Johnson, aged 30, Attorney at Law; A. Morrison, aged 38, Merchant; John S. Higbee, aged 34, farmer; Stephen St. John, aged 32, Carpenter; Lorenzo D. Wasson, aged 22, Student; John A. Forges, aged 33, clerk; residents of Nauvoo; all of whom were duly vouched for. The Committee of Investigation then reported favorably on the following persons; to wit: Joseph Smith, Willard Richards, Brigham Young, John Snider, Peter Haws, Lyman Wight, Amasa Lyman, J. B. Backenstos, Sidney Rigdon, Wilford Woodruff, John Taylor, Asahel A. Lathrop, Daniel C. Davis, Wm. F. Cahoon, Henry Brows, Isaac Williams, James Newbury, Ephraim R. Marks, Joel S. Miles, Theodore Turley, Joseph W. Johnson, Joseph B. Noble, Chauncey Robison, J. C. Davis, Francis G. Bishop, F. H. Moeser, D. B. Huntington, Simeon Carter, Jared Carter, A. Ripley, V. Knight, W. D. Huntington, Wilson Law, Elias Higbee, R. Cahoon, Charles C. Rich, G. A. Smith, Aaron Johnson, William Clayton, Gustavus Hills, and Isaac Morley, all of whom were balloted for, and the ballot found clear. The lodge then closed in due form.

John C. Bennett,  
Secretary.

February 17th, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842.

Stated Meeting. Present — Hyrum Smith, S. W.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; John C. Bennett, S.; Charles Allen, S. D.; Samuel Rolfe, T.; Wm. Felshaw, and Hiram Clark, S.; and Hezekiah Peck, Josiah Arnold, Joshua Smith, A. Cowles, John Smith, Lyman Leonard, Noah Rodgers, Elijah Fordham, Samuel Henderson, and Stephen Chase, Members. Hezekiah Peck was called to the Chair, and John Smith appointed T., and Noah Rogers, J. D. *pro tempore*.

James Cummins, and Lewis Hyde, the former from Maine, Me.; and the latter from Pembroke, N.Y.; attended as visiting brethren; and George Montague, Frankfort, N.Y., was received as a member of this lodge. Petitions were then presented from the following persons for the honors of Masonry; to wit: Samuel H. Smith, aged , Alderman; P. Colton, aged 30, brick-maker; William Marks, aged 49, farmer; Joseph Young, aged 46, painter; Joshua S. Hollman, aged 47, farmer; and Truman Gillett, Jr., aged 30, preacher; all of the City of Nauvoo — all of whom were duly vouched for, & their petitions referred. The Committee of Investigation then reported favorably on the petition of Orson Pratt, who was then balloted for, and the ballot found clear.

Resolved, That the installation of this lodge takes place at the next regular communication, and that the Most Worshipful Grand Master, & the Worshipful Master and Wardens of this lodge constitute a Committee of Arrangements with plenary powers.

Resolved, That John C. Bennett be appointed Marshal of the day for the installation.

Resolved, That the First Presidency, and the Twelve Apostles, of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and such others as the committee may invite, be requested to join in procession, and the public exercises of the day.

Minutes unsigned.

Tuesday, March 15th, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842. 9 o'clock, A.M.

Special Communication, by order of Grand Master Jonas. Lodge met pursuant to previous notice. Present — W. M. A. Jonas, G. M. of the G. L. of Illinois; W. D. McCann, D. G. S.; Asahel Perry, W. M., p.t.; Hyrum Smith, S. W.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; N. K. Whitney, T.; John C. Bennett, S.; Charles Allen, S. D.; Heber C. Kimball, J. D.; S. Rolfe, T.; Wm. Felshaw, and Hiram Clark, S.; Hezekiah Peck, Josiah Arnold, Joshua Smith, Lyman Leonard, David Pettegrew, Christopher Williams, John Patten, Noah Rogers, Elijah Fordman, Samuel Henderson, Benjamin Brown, Stephen Chase, Goerge Montague, Noble Rogers, and Daniel S. Miles, Members; and L. B. Adams, Franklin 22, Ill.; M. Plumb, Franklin, 22, Ill.; Henry King, Sylvan, 229, N. Y.; A. C. Graves, Harmony, 11, Ia.; J. Rose, St. Johns, 21, N. Y.; A. Lambert, Sciota 28, O.; G. Heberling, LaFayette, Pa.; D. Hibbard, New England, 4, O.; James Cummings, Maine, Me.; E. Jennings, Mt. Moriah, N. Y.; Samuel Miles, Rainbow, Vt.; Thomas C. King, Bodley 1, Ill.; Caleb Baldwin, Concord, O.; S. Comer, Urbanna, O.; & L. Evans, Urbanna, O.; visiting brethren. The M. W. Grand Master presided, and opened the lodge in due form, in the 3rd degree of masonry. He, likewise, organized, and opened a Grand Lodge according to ancient usage, in the 3rd degree. The Grand and Subordinate Lodges then called off from labor to refreshment, until 1 o'clock, P.M.

The Lodges called to labor. Present as before. The Grand Master then directed the Grand Marshal, John C. Bennett, to form a procession according to ancient usage, in order to proceed to the grove, near the Temple, for installation, which was accordingly done. At the grove, after the ceremonies of installation, the Grand Master delivered a highly creditable and finished address on the subject of Ancient York Masonry, after which the lodges returned to the lodge room in masonic order. The Grand Lodge then closed in due form, without day (sic.). The Subordinate Lodge then adopted the by-laws which they had informally prepared on the 30th of December, as amended at the suggestion of the Grand Master. On motion, the Lodge requested a copy of the address of the Grand Master for publication – carried unanimously, and a copy provided. The Lodge then closed to meet again at early candle lighting.

7 o'clock, P. M.

Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and opened in the 1st degree of masonry. Present as before. A special dispensation from the Grand Master was then presented in the words following; to wit:

“City of Nauvoo, March 15 - 5842.

Know all ye brethren to whom come these presents – That I, Abraham Jonas, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois – in virtue of the power and authority in me vested as Grand Master aforesaid do hereby, by these letters of Dispensation, authorize the Brethren of Nauvoo Lodge under dispensation, to receive the petitions of Joseph Smith, and Sidney Rigdon - and act on the same *instanter* - and should the ballot be unanimous in favor of said Smith and Rigdon at a full meeting of said Nauvoo Lodge - then in that case - the said Lodge is authorized to confer the three several degrees of Ancient York Masonry on the said Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon - as speedily as the nature of the case will admit - Provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed as authority by the said Nauvoo Lodge for violating any of the ancient landmarks of the order, or of acting contrary to the provisions of their Bye-Laws - except in the cases herein authorized -

Given under my hand - as Grand Master, the day and date above named

A. Jonas, G. M. G. L. Ill.”

Petitions were then presented from Joseph Smith, and Sidney Rigdon, the persons above named, and on motion the Lodge proceeded to the ballot in each case separately, in order of record - the ballot was found clear, and they were duly initiated - Entered Apprentice Masons. The Lodge was then closed, to stand closed until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.

Wednesday, March 16, A. L. 5842, A.D. 1842, 9 o'clock, A.M.

Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present - W. M. A. Jonas, G. M. presiding; W. D. McCann, D. G. S.; H. Smith, S. W.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; J. C. Bennett, S.; N. K. Whitney, T.; C. Allen, S. D.; H. C. Kimball, J. D.; Lyman Leonard, T. p.t.; W. Felshaw, & H. Clark, S.; H. Peck, J. Arnold, Joshua Smith, A. Cowles, D. Pettegrew, S. Rolfe, J. Patten, Noah Rogers, E. Fordham, S. Henderson, S. Chase, Noble Rogers, Ormond Butler, Members; J. Smith & S. Rigdon, E. A. Masons, - and L. B. Adams, M. Plum, H. King, A. C. Graves, J. Rose, A. Lambert, D. Hibbard, & S. Miles, visiting brethren. An E. A. Lodge was then opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read. No further business appearing in this degree, the E. A. were requested to withdraw, and a F. C. Lodge was then opened. Joseph Smith, and Sidney Rigdon, signified their desire to be advanced in masonry, and their proficiency in the preceding degree was vouched for - after which they were balloted for, the ballot found clear, and they duly received and passed to the degree of F. C. Masons. The Lodge then called off until 2 o'clock, P.M.

2 o'clock P. M.

Lodge called to labor. Present as before. A Master's Lodge was then opened, and Joseph Smith applied for the third and sublime degree of M. M. - the ballot was found clear, and he was duly raised to said degree, and signed the By-Laws. Lodge called off until 7 o'clock, P.M.

7 o'clock, P.M.

Lodge called to labor. Present as before. Sidney Rigdon applied for the sublime degree of Master Mason - the ballot was found clear, and he was accordingly raised. The S. W. was then called to the chair, and the following resolutions unanimously adopted; to wit:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Lodge be presented to G. M. Jonas, & D. G. S. McCann, for their attendance with us, and the instructions given in the various degrees of masonry.

Resolved, That they be requested to visit the Lodge whenever their circumstances will permit, at the expense of the Lodge.

Resolved, That G. M. Jonas be requested to deliver an oration on masonry, in this city, on the 24th of June next; but, if not possible so to do, to give the lodge timely notice.

Resolved, That Columbus Lodge, No. 6., & Bodley Lodge, No. 1, be requested to meet with Nauvoo Lodge on the 24th of June - and that all brethren in the vicinity be solicited to participate.

G. M. Jonas, & D. G. S. McCann, then made very neat speeches, expressive of their entire satisfaction with the proceedings of this lodge, and

the kind of treatment they had received at the hands of our citizens generally. The lodge then closed, in great cordiality of feelings, to stand closed until tomorrow evening.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.

Thursday, March 17th, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842.

Regular communication. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present - C. Allen, W. M. p.t.; Noah Rogers, S. W. p.t.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; J. C. Bennett, S.; N. K. Whitney, T.; H. Clark, & W. Felshaw, S.; L. Leonard, T. p.t.; Samuel Rolfe, S. D. p.t.; Joshua Smith, J. D. p.t.; and H. C. Kimball, Josiah Arnold, John Patten, Elijah Fordham, Samuel Henderson, Stephen Chase, & George Montague, members.

Petitions were presented from Willard Richards, Brigham Young, John Snider, Peter Haws, Amasa Lyman, J. B. Backenstos, Daniel C. Davis, James H. Rollins, Wm. F. Cahoon, L. Wight, James Newbury, Theodore Turley, Chauncey Robison, F. H. Moeser, D. B. Huntington, John Bills, W. D. Huntington, V. Knight, Wilson Law, Elias Higbee, R. Cahoon, Aaron Johnson, C. C. Rich, William Clayton, Gustavus Hills, E. D. Wooley, L. D. Wasson, Wm. Smith, Samuel H. Smith, Lyman E. Johnson, Duncan McArthur, Simeon A. Dunn, Warren Smith, S. B. Stoddard, William Marks, Jacob C. Davis, A. Morrison, C. Cole, George W. Robinson, G. W. Stiles, and D. S. Hollister, for the honors of masonry, and referred to the appropriate committee. J. Rose, D. Hibbard, James Cummings, and Samuel Miles, applied for membership in this lodge, and their applications were laid over for consideration. The Lodge then closed in due form.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.  
Charles Allen, Master P. T.

Thursday, April 7th, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842.

Regular communication. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present - Asahel Perry, W. M. p.t.; H. Smith, S. W.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; J. C. Bennett, S.; N. K. Whitney, T.; C. Allen, S. D.; H. C. Kimball, J. D.; S. Rolfe, T.; W. Felshaw, & H. Clark, S.; H. Peck, Joshua Smith, L. Leonard, D. Pettegrew, N. Rogers, D. S. Miles, S. Chase, G. Montague, Joseph Smith, and Sidney Rigdon, members - and Sylvester Hutz, of Western Phoenix, O., J. Rose, D. Hibbard, & James Cummings, visiting brethren. An E. A. Lodge was then opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read, amended, and adopted. Petitions were then received from John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, John E. Page, & Henry Miller, & Wm. Law, Jared Carter, Benjamin Covey, A. Ripley, R. D. Foster, John Eagle, Thomas Grover, E. L. Brown, E. Benson, John Gaylord, John Pack, Joel S. Miles, Hiram Kimball,

John Murdock, John A. Forges, A. P. Rockwood, David H. Radfield, & John P. Green, for the honors of masonry, & referred to the appropriate committee. This Committee of Investigation then reported favorably on the petitions of W. Richards, B. Young, J. Snider, P. Haws, A. Lyman, J. B. Backenstos, D. C. Davis, W. F. Cahoon, J. Newbury, T. Turley, C. Robison, F. H. Moeser, D. B. Huntington, J. Bills, W. D. Huntington, V. Knight, Wilson Law, E. Higbee, R. Cahoon, Aaron Johnson, C. C. Rich, W. Clayton, Gustavus Hills, L. D. Wasson, S. H. Smith, D. McArthur, S. A. Dunn, Warren Smith, S. B. Stoddard, Wm. Marks, J. C. Davis, A. Morrison, C. Cole, Geo. W. Stiles, G. W. Robinson, D. S. Hollister, E. D. Wooley, Lyman E. Johnson, James H. Rollins, & Lyman Wight, and Wm. Smith, who were thereupon severally balloted for and the ballot found clear. J. Rose, D. Hibbard, James Cummings, & Samuel Miles, masons, were then balloted for membership, the ballot found clear, & they thereupon received. H. G. Sherwood signed the by laws. Willard Richards, Brigham Young, & D. S. Hollister, were then initiated into the first degree of masonry. No further business appearing in this degree, the lodge closed to stand closed until tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.

Asahel Perry, Master Protem

Friday, April 8th, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842.

Special Meeting. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present - H. Smith, W. M. p.t.; Noah Rogers, S. W. p.t.; L. N. Scovil, J.W.; J. C. Bennett, S.; N. K. Whitney, T.; C. Allen, S. D.; H. C. Kimball, J. D.; Samuel Rolfe, T.; W. Felshaw, & H. Clark, S.; Asahel Perry, Joshua Smith, L. Leonard, D. Pettegrew, S. Chase, George Montague, & H. G. Sherwood, members. An E.A. Lodge was then opened, the minutes of the preceding meeting read, and F. H. Moeser, A. Lyman, & T. Turley, were then initiated into the first degree of masonry. No further business appearing in this degree, a F. C. Lodge was opened in due form and Willard Richards, Brigham Young, & D. S. Hollister, were admitted Fellow Craft Masons. Ordered that the lodge meet from day to day until the press of business is disposed of, & that the officers be entitled to a reasonable compensation for their services. No further business appearing in this degree the lodge closed down to stand closed until tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock, P.M.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.

H. Smith,  
Master, P.T.

Saturday, April 9th, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842.

Special communication. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present - A. Perry, W. M. p.t.; Hyrum Smith, S. W.; L. N. Scovil, J.W.; J. C. Bennett, S., N. K. Whitney, T.; C. Allen, S. D.; H. C. Kimball, J. D.; S. Rolfe, T.; W.

Felshaw, & H. Clark, S.; H. Peck, J. Arnold, Joshua Smith, A. Cowles, L. Leonard, S. Chase, G. Montague, Joseph Smith, J. Rose, D. Hibbard, & H. G. Sherwood, members; and C. Baldwin, & S. Hulit, visiting brethren; and W. Richards, B. Young, D. S. Hollister, fellowcrafts; and T. Turley, F. H. Moeser, & A. Lyman, E. A. Masons. An E. A. Lodge was then opened in due form, the minutes of the preceding meeting read, and adopted, and S. H. Smith, Wm. Smith, & V. Knight, admitted to the first degree of masonry. A F. C. Lodge was then opened, & no business appearing, a Master's Lodge was opened in due form - and D. S. Hollister, B. Young, & W. Richards admitted to the sublime degree of master mason, & signed the by-laws. No further business appearing the several lodges closed down in due form, to stand closed until Monday next, at 9 o'clock, A.M.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.  
Asahel Perry, Master Protem

Monday, April 11th, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842 - 9 o'clock A.M.

Special meeting. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present - H. Smith, W. M. p.t.; H. G. Sherwood, S. W. p.t.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; J. C. Bennett, S.; N. K. Whitney, T.; C. Allen, S. D.; Wm. Felshaw, J. D. p.t.; Lewis Hyde, visiting brother; and V. Knight, A. Lyman, T. Turley, & F. H. Moeser, E. A. Masons. An E. A. Lodge was then opened for the transaction of business, & John Bills, W. D. Huntington, & D. B. Huntington, having been previously balloted for, were duly initiated into the first degree of masonry. Lodge called off until 1 o'clock P.M.

1 o'clock, P.M. Lodge called to labor. No further business appearing in this degree, the lodge closed, & opened in the second degree of masonry, and F. H. Moeser, A. Lyman, & T. Turley, were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. No further business appearing in this degree the loege closed, to stand closed until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.  
H. Smith, Master P.T.

Tuesday, April 12th, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842, 9 o'clock, A.M.

Special communication. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present - H. Smith, W. M. p.t.; A. Perry, S.W. p.t.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; H. Clark, T. p.t.; J. C. Bennett, S.; C. Allen, S. D.; W. Felshaw, J. D. p.t.; S. Rolfe, T.; S. Chase, H. C. Kimball, & H. G. Sherwood, members; A. Lyman, F. C. Mason, and V. Knight, S. H. Smith, W. Smith, J. Bills, D. B. Huntington, & W. D. Huntington, E. A. Masons. An E. A. Lodge was then opened in due form, the minutes of the preceding meeting read, and adopted, and L. D. Wasson, R. Cahoon, & E. Higbee were duly initiated E. A. Masons. The lodge called to refreshment until 1 o'clock, P.M.

1 o'clock, P.M.

Lodge called to labor. Present as before. No further business appearing in this degree - a F. C. Lodge was opened, and proceeded to ballot for Wm. Smith, S. H. Smith, & V. Knight, the ballot found clear, and they thereupon duly passed to the degree of F. C. Masons. No further business appearing in this degree the lodge opened on the third degree of masonry, and A. Lyman, & F. H. Moeser balloted for the sublime degree of Master Mason, and the lodge called off until 7 o'clock, P.M.

7 o'clock, P.M.

Lodge called to labor. A. Lyman, and F. H. Moeser, were then duly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The lodges then closed down to stand closed until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, A.M.

John C. Bennett, Secretary  
H. Smith, Master P. T.

Wednesday, April 13th, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842.

Special Communication. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present - H. Smith, W. M. p.t.; N. K. Whitney, S. W. p.t.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; H. Clark, T. p.t.; J. C. Bennett, S.; S. Rolfe, T.; W. Felshaw, H. G. Sherwood, Joseph Smith, B. Young, W. Richards, A. Lyman, & F. H. Moeser, members; C. Allen, S. D. & H. C. Kimball, J. D.; Wm. Smith, & V. Knight, F. C. Masons; & L. D. Wasson, D. B. Huntington, W. D. Huntington, John Bills, & R. Cahoon, E. A. Masons. An E. A. Lodge was then opened in due form, the minutes of the preceding meeting read & adopted, & C. Robison, J. B. Backenstos, & G. W. Stiles, were duly entered E. A. Masons. No further business appearing in this degree, the lodge called off from labor to refreshment until 1 o'clock, P.M.

1 o'clock, P.M.

Lodge called to labor. Present as before. No further business appearing in this degree, a F. C. Lodge was opened and proceeded to ballot for L. D. Wasson, D. B. Huntington, & W. D. Huntington, the ballot was found clear, & they thereupon duly passed to the second degree of masonry. No further business appearing in this degree, a Masters' Lodge was opened and proceeded to ballot for S. H. Smith, Wm. Smith, & V. Knight, & the ballot found clear. The lodge called off for refreshment until 7 o'clock, P.M.

7 o'clock P. M.

Lodge called to labor. Present as before, & D. Hibbard, S. H. Smith, W. Smith, & V. Knight, were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. No further business appearing in this degree the several lodges closed down, to stand closed until tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.  
Hyrum Smith, Master P. T.

Thursday, April 14th, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842, 8 o'clock, A.M.

Special communication. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present - H. Smith, W. M. p.t.; H. G. Sherwood, S. W. p.t.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; A. Perry, T. p.t.; J. C. Bennett, S.; C. Allen, S. D.; Wm. Felshaw, J. D. p.t.; S. Rolfe, T.; Joseph Smith, A. Lyman, H. Clark, members; L. D. Wasson, W. D. Huntington, D. B. Huntington, F. C. Masons; & J. Bills, E. A. Mason. C. Williams - member. An E. A. Lodge was then opened in due form, and D. C. Davis, Wm G. Cahoon, & James Newbury, were duly initiated E. A. Masons. No further business appearing in this degree, a F. C. Lodge was opened for the transaction of business, and John Bills, E. Higbee, & R. Cahoon, balloted for the second degree of masonry, the ballot found clear, and they, thereupon, duly passed to the degree of F. C. Masons. No further business appearing in this degree, the F. C. Lodge was dispensed with, and a masters' lodge opened in stead thereof. Lodge called from labor to refreshment until 6 o'clock, P.M.

6 o'clock, P.M.

Lodge called to labor. Present as before, & S. Hulit, H. Rogers, (Master of Bodley Lodge,) visiting brethren. L. D. Wasson, D. B. Huntington, & W. D. Huntington, were then balloted for, ballot found clear, and they, thereupon, raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. No further business appearing in this degree, the several lodges closed down to stand closed until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.  
H. Smith, Master P. T.

Friday, April 15th, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Special meeting. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present - H. Smith, W. M. p.t.; H. G. Sherwood, S.W. p.t.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; H. Clark, T. p.t.; J. C. Bennett, S.; C. Allen, S.D.; W. Felshaw, J. D. p.t.; S. Rolfe, T.; L. D.

Wasson, F. H. Moeser, D. B. Huntington, W. D. Huntington, A. Lyman, & C. Williams, members; John Bills, F. C. Mason; & D. C. Davis, Wm. F. Cahoon, E. A. Masons. An E. A. Lodge was then opened for the transaction of business, & Wilson Law, Aaron Johnson, & Gustavus Hills, were duly initiated into the first degree of masonry. No further business appearing in this degree the lodge called off for refreshment until 1 o'clock, P.M.

1 o'clock, P.M.

Lodge called to labor. Present as before. No further business appearing in this degree, it was dispensed with and a F. C. Lodge opened in stead thereof. W. F. Cahoon & D. C. Davis were then balloted for, the ballot found clear, and they thereupon duly passed to the second degree of masonry. No further business appearing in this degree, a masters' lodge was opened, and John Bills, E. Higbee, & R. Cahoon balloted for the 3rd degree. The lodge called to refreshment until 7 o'clock, P.M.

7 o'clock, P.M.

Lodge called to labor. Present as before. John Bills, E. Higbee, & R. Cahoon, were then raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. No further business appearing the several lodges closed down in due form, to stand closed until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.  
Hyrum Smith, Master P. T.

Saturday, April 16th, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842.

Special communication. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present - H. Smith, W. M. p.t.; H. G. Sherwood, S. W. p.t.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; H. Clark, T. p.t.; J. C. Bennett, S.; C. Allen, S. D.; Wm. Felshaw, J. D. p.t.; S. Rolfe, T.; F. H. Moeser, J. Arnold, D. B. Hungton, Wm. Smith, & Daniel S. Miles, members; Aaron Johnson, & G. Hills, E. A. Masons. An E. A. Lodge was then opened in due form, for the dispatch of business, and C. C. Rich, G. W. Robinson, & W. Clayton, were duly initiated E. A. Masons. The lodge then called off from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock, P.M.

2 o'clock, P.M.

Lodge called to labor. Present as before. No further business appearing in this degree, the E. A. Lodge was dispensed with, and a F. C. Lodge opened in stead thereof. Wilson Law, Aaron Johnson, & Gustavus Hills balloted for

for the second degree of masonry, the ballot found clear, and they thereupon duly passed to the degree of F. C. Mason. No further business appearing in this degree the several lodges closed down to stand closed until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.  
Hyrum Smith, Master P. T.

Monday, April 18th, A. L. 5842, A.D. 1842.

Special communication. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Present - C. Allen, W. M. p.t., S. Rolfe, S. W. p.t.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; H. Clark, T. p.t.; J. C. Bennett, S.; D. B. Huntington, S. D. p.t.; Wm. Felshaw, J. W. (sic.) p.t.; A. Johnson, T. p.t.; John Bills, member; G. W. Robinson, & Wm. Clayton, E. A. Masons. E. D. Wooley, Duncan McArthur, & S. B. Stoddard, were then, on the opening an E. A. Lodge, duly initiated into the first degree of masonry. No further business appearing in this degree, the lodge called off from labor to refreshment until 1 o'clock, P. M.

1 o'clock, P. M.

Lodge called to labor. Present as before. No further business appearing in this degree the E. A. Lodge was dispensed with, and a F. C. Lodge opened in stead thereof for the dispatch of business and C. C. Rich, G. W. Robinson, & William Clayton, balloted for, & the ballot found clear, and thereupon Geo. W. Robinson, & Wm. Clayton, were duly passed to the degree of F. C. Mason. No further business appearing in this degree, the lodge called off from labor to refreshment until early candle-lighting.

7 o'clock, P.M.

Lodge called to labor. Present as before, & D. Hibard, F. H. Moeser, A. Lyman, & H. Smith. No further business appearing in this degree, the F. C. Lodge was dispensed with, & a masters' lodge opened in stead thereof. Wilson Law, Gustavus Hills, & Aaron Johnson, were then balloted for, the ballot found clear, and they thereupon duly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. No further business appearing in this degree, the several lodges closed down to stand closed until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.  
Charles Allen, Master P. T.

Tuesday, April 19th, A. L. 5842, A.D. 1842.

Special Communication. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock, A.M. Present - H. Smith, W. M. p.t.; A. Perry, S.W. p.t.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; H. Clark, T. p.t.; J. C. Bennett, S.; C. Allen, S. D.; W. Felshaw, J. D.; S. Rolfe, T.; A. Lyman, & G. Hills, & D. B. Huntington, members; Geo. W. Robinson, F. C. Mason; & S. B. Stoddard, & D. McArthur, E. A. Masons. An E. A. Lodge was then opened in due form, and Peter Haws, Warren Smith, and Simeon A. Dunn, were initiated into the first degree of masonry. Lodge then opened on the second degree, & proceeded to ballot for E. D. Wooley, S. B. Stoddard, & Duncan McArthur, the ballot was found clear, and they, thereupon, duly passed to the degree of F. C. Masons. Lodge called off from labor to refreshment until 7 o'clock, P.M.

7 o'clock, P.M.

Lodge met & called to labor. Present as before, & S. Rigdon, E. Higbee, F. H. Moeser, & Joshua Smith. No further business appearing in this degree, the F. C. Lodge was dispensed with, and a Master Masons' Lodge opened in stead thereof for the transaction of business. Geo. W. Robinson, Theodore Turley, & Wm. Clayton were then balloted for, and the ballot found clear, and George W. Robinson, & Theodore Turley thereupon raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. No further business appearing in this degree, the several lodges closed down in due form, to stand closed until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.  
Hyrum Smith, Master P. T.

Wednesday, April 20th, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842.

Special Communication. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock, A.M. Present - Hyrum Smith, W. M. p.t.; H. G. Sherwood, S. W. p.t.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; H. Clark, T. p.t.; J. C. Bennett, S.; C. Allen, S. D.; W. Felshaw, J. D. p.t.; S. Rolfe, T.; Wm. Smith, member; E. D. Wooley, F. C. Mason; P. Haws, & Warren Smith, E. A. Masons. An E. A. Lodge was then opened in due form for the transaction of business, & after reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting, A. Morrison was duly entered into the first degree of masonry. No further business appearing in this degree, the E. A. Lodge was dispensed with and a F. C. Lodge was then opened in due form, and Warren Smith, Simeon A. Dunn, and Peter Haws, were duly balloted for, the ballot found clear, and they thereupon duly passed to the degree of F. Craft. The F. C. Lodge was then dispensed with, & an E. A. Lodge opened in stead thereof, & Wm. Marks, & Lyman E. Johnson, duly received as entered apprentice masons. No further business appearing in this degree the lodge called off from labor to refreshment until 6 o'clock, P.M.

6 o'clock, P. M.

Lodge called to labor. Present as before. No further business appearing in this degree, a F. C. Lodge was opened in due form; and no further business appearing in this degree, it was dispensed with, & a Master Masons' Lodge opened in stead thereof for the transaction of business. S. B. Stoddard, E. D. Wooley, & Duncan McArthur, were then balloted for, the ballot found clear, and they thereupon duly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, & signed the by-laws. The several lodges then closed down in due form to stand closed until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.

Hyrum Smith, Master P. T.

Thursday, April 21st, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842.

Special Communication. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment at 9 o'clock. A.M. Present - H. Smith, W. M. p.t.; A. Perry, S. W. p.t.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; H. Clark, T. p.t.; J. C. Bennett, S.; C. Allen, S. D.; Wm. Felshaw, J. D. p.t.; S. Rolfe, T.; S. Rigdon, S. B. Stoddard, & D. McArthur, members; P. Haws, & S. A. Dunn, F. C. Masons; A. Morrison, & Wm. Marks, E. A. Masons. An E. A. Lodge was then opened in due form, the minutes of the preceding meeting read, & James H. Rollins, initiated into the first degree of masonry. The E. A. Lodge was then dispensed with, & a F. C. Lodge opened in stead thereof. Wm. Marks, A. Morrison, and Lyman E. Johnson were then balloted for, the ballot found clear, and A. Morrison, & Wm. Marks, thereupon, duly passed to the degree of F. C. No further business appearing in this degree the F. C. Lodge called off from labor to refreshment until 1 o'clock, P.M.

1 o'clock, P.M.

Lodge called to labor. Present as before. No further business appearing in this degree, it was dispensed with, and a Masters' Lodge opened in stead thereof for the transaction of business, & Peter Haws, Warren Smith, & Simeon A. Dunn, were balloted for, the ballot found clear, and they thereupon duly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. No further business appearing in this degree the lodges closed down to stand closed until the Regular Communication at 6 o'clock, P.M. of this day.

John C. Bennett,

Secretary.

Hyrum Smith,

Master P. T.

Thursday, April 21st, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842, 6 o'clock, P.M.

Regular Communication. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present - H. Smith, W. M. p.t.; S. Rolfe, S. W. p.t.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; Joshua Smith, T. p.t.; J. C. Bennett, S.; C. Allen, S. D.; William Felshaw, J. D. p.t.; D. B. Huntington, T.; William Vanansdall, L. Leonard, D. Pettegrew, C. Williams, John Patten, S. Chase, G. Montague, J. Cummings, R. Cahoon, G. Hills, S. B. Stoddard, E. Higbee, S. A. Dunn, John Bills, F. H. Moeser, B. Young, members; S. Hulitt, visiting brother; Wm. Marks, F. C. Mason. An E. A. Lodge was then opened in due form for the transaction of business. The petitions of John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, John E. Page, Henry Miller, William Law, Jared Carter, Benjamin Covey, A. Ripley, R. D. Foster, John Eagle, Thomas Grover, E. L. Brown, E. Benson, John Gaylord, John Pack, Joel S. Miles, Hiram Kimball, John Murdock, John A. Forges, A. P. Rockwood, David H. Redfield, and John P. Green, after the presentation of petitions, were reported favorably upon, and the lodge proceeded to the ballot on their cases severally, the ballot was found clear in each and every case, and John E. Page, & John A. Forges, thereupon duly initiated E. A. Masons. The following named persons, next after the reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting, offered themselves as candidates for the honors of masonry; to wit: Ephraim Potter, George W. Thatcher, Ebenezer Robinson, Philander Colton, Henry Green, Ezra Chase, Wm. Huntington, S. Roundy, Charles Shumway, John Eldridge, Noah Packard, Joseph W. Coolidge, John Lytle, F. M. Higbee, Ira S. Miles, A. Badlaw, Alexander Mills, James Sloan, E. H. Derby, Leonard Soby, Graham Coltrin, Hamilton Jett, Philo Dibble, R. Shepard, Wm. Wightman, Edward Martin, George A. Smith, & Nathaniel Jennings, and their petitions were referred to the Committee of Investigation to report thereon at the next stated meeting. No further business appearing in this degree, the lodge closed, to stand closed until tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.  
Hyrum Smith, Master P. T.

Friday, April 22nd, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842, 8 o'clock, A.M.

Special Communication. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present - H. Smith, W. M. p.t. presiding, assisted by Geo. Miller, W. M.; S. Rolfe, S. W. p. t.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; H. Clark, T. p.t.; J. C. Bennett, S.; C. Allen, S. D.; W. Felshaw, J. D. p.t.; D. B. Huntington, T. p.t.; G. W. Robinson, A. Perry, G. Hills, H. G. Sherwood, Joshua Smith, John Patten, S. Chase, & Warren Smith, members. An E. A. Lodge was then opened in due form, and J. Carter, John Taylor, & Henry Miller, were duly initiated into the first degree of masonry. No further business appearing in this degree, it was dispensed with, and a F. C. Lodge opened in stead thereof for the transaction of business, & John E. Page, James H. Rawlings, & John A. Forges were balloted for the ballot found

clear, and John E. Page, & James H. Rawlings, thereupon duly passed to the degree of F. C. The lodge then called off until 7 o'clock, P. M.

7 o'clock, P. M.

Lodge called to labor. No further business appearing in this degree, it was dispensed with and a Masters' Lodge opened in stead thereof, and Wm. Marks, A. Morrison, & Wm. F. Cahoon, balloted for the ballot found clear, and they thereupon duly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. No further business appearing in this degree, the several lodges closed down to stand closed until tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.  
Hyrum Smith, Master P. T.

Saturday, April 23rd, A. L. 5842, A.D. 1842, 6 o'clock, P.M.

Lodge met pursuant to adjournment - Special Communication. Present - H. Smith, W. M. p.t.; S. Rolfe, S. W. p.t.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; H. Clark, T. p.t.; John C. Bennett, S.; C. Allen, S. D.; W. Felshaw, J. D. p.t.; S. B. Stoddard, James Cummins, G. Hills, L. Leonard, D. McArthur, F. H. Moeser, W. Smith, S. Chase, Wm. F. Cahoon, H. G. Sherwood, A. Arnold, Geo. Montague, & W. D. Huntington, members; D. B. Huntington, T. p.t. The several lodges were then opened up in due form, and John E. Page, & James H. Rawlings, were then balloted for, the ballot found clear, and John E. Page, James H. Rawlings, and William Clayton, thereupon duly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The several lodges then closed down in due form to stand closed until Monday morning at 8 o'clock precisely.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.  
Hyrum Smith, Master P. T.

Monday, April 25th, A. L. 5842, A.D. 1842, 8 o'clock, A.M.

Special Communication. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present - H. Smith, W. M. p.t.; S. Rolfe, S. W. p.t.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; A. Perry, T. p.t.; J. C. Bennett, S.; C. Allen, S. D.; Wm. Felshaw, J. D. p.t.; D. B. Huntington, T. p.t.; E. D. Woolley, & H. Clark, members. An E. A. Lodge was then opened in due form, and John Eagle, Wm. Law, & Lyman Wight, were regularly initiated into the first degree of masonry. No further business appearing in this degree the E. A. Lodge was dispensed with, & a F. C. Lodge opened in stead thereof. Henry Miller, James Newbury, and John A. Forges, were balloted for, the ballot found clear, and they, thereupon, duly passed to the

second degree of masonry. No further business appearing in this degree, the lodge called off from the labor to refreshment until 1 o'clock P.M.

1 o'clock, P.M.

Lodge called to labor. No further business appearing in this degree, the F. C. Lodge was dispensed with, and a Master Masons' lodge opened in stead thereof. D. C. Davis was then balloted for, the ballot found clear, and he thereupon duly raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The several lodges then closed down, to stand closed until tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.  
Hyrum Smith, Master P.T.

Tuesday, April 26th, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842, 8 o'clock, A.M.

Special Communication. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present - H. Smith, W. M. p.t.; S. Rolfe, S. W. p.t.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; A. Perry, T. p.t.; J. C. Bennett, S.; C. Allen, S. D.; Wm. Felshaw, J. D. p.t.; D. B. Huntington, T. p.t.; H. Clark, Theodore Turley, Wm. Clayton, & James H. Rawlings, members. An E. A. Lodge was then opened in due form, and Benjamin Covey, Wilford Woodruff, & E. L. Brown, were duly initiated E. A. Masons. No further business appearing in this degree the E. A. Lodge was dispensed with, and a F. C. Lodge opened in stead thereof, and Wm. Law, John Eagle, & J. Carter, balloted for, the ballot found clear, and they thereupon duly passed to the second degree of masonry. No further business appearing in this degree the F. C. Lodge was dispensed with, and a Master Masons' Lodge opened in stead thereof. Lodge called off until 6 o'clock.

6 o'clock, P. M.

Lodge called to labor. The ballot was passed for Henry Miller, John A. Forges, & James Newbury - found clear, and they thereupon raised to the sublime degree of master mason. No further business appearing in this degree, the several lodges closed down to stand closed until tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.  
Hyrum Smith, Master P. T.

Wednesday, April 27th, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842, 8 o'clock, A.M.

Special Communication. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present - Hyrum Smith, W. M. p.t.; S. Rolfe, S. W. p.t.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; H. Clark, T.

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p.t.; J. C. Bennett, S.; C. Allen, S. D.; Wm. Felshaw, J. D. p.t.; D. B. Huntington, T. p.t.; Henry W. Miller, G. Miller, W. Richards, G. W. Robinson, D. McArthur, & J. A. Forges, members. An E. A. Lodge was then opened in due form, the minutes of the preceding meeting read, & adopted, and H. Kimball, Joel S. Miles, & H. D. Redfield, duly initiated E. A. Masons. No further business appearing in this degree the lodge was dispensed with, and an F. C. Lodge opened in stead thereof for the transaction of business, and Lyman Wight, E. L. Brown, & C. C. Rich, were balloted for, the ballot found clear, and they thereupon duly passed to the degree of F. C. Mason. No further business appearing in this degree, the F. C. Lodge was dispensed with, and a Master's Lodge opened in stead thereof. Lodge called off until 6 o'clock, P.M.

6 o'clock, P. M.

Lodge called to labor. The ballot was then passed for William Law, John Eagle, and J. Carter, found clear, and they thereupon duly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The several lodges then closed down to stand closed until 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.  
Hyrum Smith, Master P. T.

Thursday, April 28th, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842, 8 o'clock, A.M.

Special Communication. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present - H. Smith, W. M. p.t.; S. Rolfe, S. W. p.t.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; H. Clark, T. p.t.; J. C. Bennett, S.; C. Allen, S. D.; W. Felshaw, J. D. p.t.; D. B. Huntington, T. p.t.; John A. Forges, member. An E. A. Lodge was then opened in due form, and A. Ripley, John Pack, and E. Benson, were duly initiated E. A. Masons. No further business appearing in this degree it was dispensed with, and a F. C. Lodge opened in stead thereof. H. Kimball, B. Covey, and Wilford Woodruff, were then balloted for, the ballot found clear, and they thereupon duly passed to the degree of F. C. Masons. No further business appearing in this degree the F. C. Lodge was dispensed with & a Master Masons' Lodge opened in stead thereof. Lodge called off from labor to refreshment until 6 o'clock, P. M.

6 o'clock, P. M.

Lodge called to labor. Present as before, & R. Cahoon, S. A. Dunn, W. Clayton, A. Johnson, G. Miller, W. M., G. Hills, W. D. Huntington, & W. F. Cahoon. The ballot was passed for L. Wight, C. C. Rich, and E. L. Brown, found clear, and they thereupon duly raised to the sublime degree of Master

Mason. No further business appearing in this degree, the several lodges closed down to stand closed until tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.  
Hyrum Smith, Master P. T.

Friday, April 29th, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842, 8 o'clock, A.M.

Special Communication. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present - H. Smith, W. M. p.t.; S. Rolfe, S. W. p.t.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; H. Clark, T. p.t.; J. C. Bennett, S.; C. Allen, S. D.; Wm. Felshaw, J. D. p.t.; D. B. Huntington, T. p.t.; Wm. F. Cahoon, H. G. Sherwood, & John A. Forges, members. An E. A. Lodge was then opened in due form, and Thomas Grover, A. P. Rockwood, and John P. Green, were duly initiated E. A. Masons. No further business appearing in this degree the E. A. Lodge was dispensed with, and a F. C. Lodge opened in stead thereof. John Taylor, H. D. Redfield, and J. B. Backenstos, were then balloted for the ballot found clear, and they thereupon duly passed to the second degree of masonry. No further business appearing in this degree the F. C. Lodge was dispensed with, & a Master Mason Lodge opened in stead thereof. Lodge called off from labor to refreshment until 6 o'clock, P. M.

6 o'clock, P. M.

Lodge called to labor. Wilford Woodruff, Benjamin Covy, & Hiram Kimball, were then balloted for, the ballot found clear, and they thereupon duly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. No further business appearing in this degree the several lodges closed down to stand closed until tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.  
Hyrum Smith, Master P. T.

Saturday, April 30th, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842, 8 o'clock, A.M.

Special Communication. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present - H. Smith, W. M. p.t.; S. Rolfe, S. W. p.t.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; H. Clark, T. p.t.; J. C. Bennett, S.; C. Allen, S. D.; Wm. Felshaw, J. D. p.t.; D. B. Huntington, T. p.t.; George W. Robinson, S. Henderson, & John A. Forges, members. An E. A. Lodge was then opened in due form, and R. D. Foster, and John Murdock, were duly initiated E. A. Masons. No further business appearing in this degree the E. A. Lodge was dispensed with, and a F. C. Lodge opened in stead thereof. A. Ripley, Joel S. Miles, and John Pack, were then balloted for the ballot found clear, and they thereupon duly passed to the degree of F. C.

Mason. No further business appearing in this degree, the F. C. Lodge was dispensed with, and a Master Mason's Lodge opened in stead thereof. Lodge called off from labor to refreshment until 6 o'clock P.M.

6 o'clock, P.M.

Lodge called to labor. John Taylor, D. H. Redfield, and J. B. Backenstos, were then balloted for, the ballot found clear, and they thereupon raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. No further business appearing in this degree the lodge closed down to stand closed until Monday morning at 9 o'clock, A.M.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.  
Hyrum Smith, Master P. T.

Monday, May 2nd, A. L. 5842, A. D. 1842, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Special Communication. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present - H. Smith, W. M. p.t.; S. Rolfe, S. W. p.t.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; H. Clark, T. p.t.; J. C. Bennett, S.; C. Allen, S. D.; Wm. Felshaw, J. D. p.t.; D. B. Huntington, T. p.t.; H. C. Kimball, & A. Lyman, members. A Fellow Crafts' Lodge was then opened in due form, and John P. Green, A. P. Rockwood, and Thomas Grover, were then balloted for, the ballot found clear, and John P. Green, and Thomas Grover, were thereupon duly passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason. No further business appearing in this degree, the F. C. Lodge was dispensed with, & a Master Masons' Lodge opened in stead thereof. Lodge called off from labor to refreshment until 6 o'clock, P. M.

6 o'clock, P.M.

Lodge called to labor. A. Ripley, Joel S. Miles, and John Pack, were then balloted for, the ballot found clear, and John Pack, & Joel S. Miles, thereupon duly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. No further business appearing in this degree, the several lodges closed down to stand closed until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.  
Hyrum Smith, Master P. T.

Tuesday, May 3rd, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842.

Special Communication. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock, A.M. Present - H. Smith, W. M. p.t.; S. Rolfe, S.W. p.t.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; H. Clark, T. p.t.; J. C. Bennett, S.; C. Allen, S. D.; Wm. Felshaw, J. D.

p.t.; D. B. Huntington, T. p.t.; S. Chase, & Joel S. Miles, members. A F. C. Lodge was then opened in due form and R. D. Foster, and John Murdock, were then balloted for, the ballot found clear, and they thereupon duly passed to the second degree of masonry. No further business appearing in this degree, the F. C. Lodge was dispensed with, and a Master Masons' Lodge opened in stead thereof. Lodge called off from labor to refreshment until 6 o'clock, P.M.

6 o'clock, P. M.

Lodge called to labor. John P. Green, and Thomas Grover, were balloted for, the ballot found clear, and Thomas Grover, and A. Ripley, thereupon, duly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. No further business appearing in this degree, the several lodges closed down to stand closed until the next regular communication on Thursday evening next, at 6 o'clock, P.M.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.  
Hyrum Smith, Master P. T.

Thursday, May 5th, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842, 6 o'clock, P.M.

Regular Communication. Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present - H. Smith, W. M. p.t.; S. Rolfe, S. W. p.t.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; H. Clark, T. p.t.; J. C. Bennett, S.; C. Allen, S. D., Wm. Felshaw, J. D. p.t.; D. B. Huntington, T. p.t.; and S. Rigdon, E. A. Wooley, R. Cahoon, Wm. Clayton, J. Carter, L. Leonard, D. McArthur, E. Higbee, Geo. Miller, D. Pettegrew, D. C. Davis, H. Kimball, A. Johnson, A. Fordham, H. Peck, Joel S. Miles, Wm. Law, Wilson Law, W. Smith, G. W. Robinson, John Taylor, J. H. Rawlings, S. Chase, John Patten, Wm. Marks, E. L. Brown, members. An E. A. Lodge was then opened, and after reading the minutes of the preceding meeting, petitions were presented from the following persons for the honors of masonry, to wit: Henry Hogland, Stephen H. Burtis, A. C. Lathrop, L. D. Wilson, John Anderson, Elisha Everet, Jefferson Dimick, Joseph C. Kingsbury, Samuel L. Forges, Amos P. Rogers, Arthur Milliken, Charles Kennedy, David Sessions, Gilbert D. Goldsmith, Joseph W. Johnson, Daniel Cames, Anson Matthews, Daniel S. Thomas, John G. Luce, L. Woodworth, David A. Pettegrew, James Anderson, George Babcock, A. Brown, Wilbur J. Earl, O. M. Allen, Darwin Chase, John Fido, Wm. Weeks, Samuel Williams, Isaac Alred, King Follett, Jesse D. Hunter, John F. Olney, H. Johnson, Amos B. Tomlinson, David Elliott, Harlo Redfield, W. P. Lyons, James Brown, W. Chapman, Aaron M. York, Reuben Hadlock, Levi Nickerson, George P. Dikes, Alvin Winegar, John Adams, David Grant, Jonathan H. Dunham, Levi W. Hancock, John Jackson, and John S. Fulmer, and referred to the Committee of Investigation. The petitions of George W. Thatcher, Ephraim Potter, Ebenezer Robinson,

Philander Colton, Henry Green, Ezra Chase, Wm. Huntington, S. Roundy, Charles Shumway, John Eldridge, Noah Packard, Joseph W. Coolidge, John Lytle, F. M. Higbee, Ira S. Miles, A. Badlam, Alexander Mills, James Sloan, Leonard Soby, Graham Coltrin, Philo Dibble, R. Shepard, Wm. Wightman, Edward Martin, George A. Smith, N. Jennings, E. H. Derby, and Hamilton Jett, were then reported favorably upon, balloted for, the ballot found clear, and Hamilton Jet, F. M. Higbee, & E. H. Durby, initiated Entered Apprentice Masons. No further business appearing the lodge closed to stand closed until tomorrow at 6 o'clock, P.M.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.  
Hyrum Smith, Master P. T.

Friday, May 6th, A.L. 5842, A.D. 1842, 6 o'clock, P. M.

Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present - H. Smith, W. M. p.t.; S. Rolfe, S. W. p.t.; L. N. Scovil, J. W.; H. Clark, T. p.t.; J. C. Bennett, S.; C. Allen, S. D.; Wm. Felshaw, J. D. p.t.; D. B. Huntington, T. p.t.; J. B. Backenstos, J. Carter, Geo. Robinson, Warren Smith, & Elias Higbee, & L. D. Wasson, members. An E. A. Lodge was then opened in due form, but no business appearing in this degree, it was dispensed with, & a F. C. Lodge opened in stead thereof. A. Thayer, Pacific, Massachusetts, & Moris Wade, Sanger, N. Y., & (blank) King, appeared as visiting brethren. Chauncy Robinson, E. H. Durby, & H. Jett, were then balloted for, the ballot found clear, and they thereupon duly passed to the second degree of masonry. No further business appearing in this degree, the several lodges closed down to stand closed until Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

John C. Bennett, Secretary.  
Hyrum Smith, Master P. T.

*[End of Record.]*

The first of the two loose pages from the Lodge By-Laws has written in Bennett's hand, across the top of the page: "by giving one month's previous notice, at a stated meeting." Below this fragment of the last sentence of the By-Laws are two columns of signatures. The left hand column lists the names.

Hyrum Smith	David Pettegrew	Sidney Rigdon
L. N. Scovil	Christopher Williams	H. G. Sherwood
John C. Bennett	John Patten	William Marks
N. K. Whitney	Noah Rogers	Arthur Morrison
Charles Allen	Elijah Fordham	William Clayton
Samuel Rolfe	Samuel Henderson	John E. Page
Wm. Felshaw	Benjamin Brown	Wm. Law
Hiram Clark	Stephen Chase	John Eagle
Asahel Perry	George Montague	Charles C. Rich
Hezekiah Peck	Noble Rogers	Hiram Kimball
Josiah Arnold	Heber C. Kimball	John Pack
Joshua Smith	Daniel S. Miles	Joel S. Miles
Lyman Leonard	Joseph Smith	

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George Miller	Lorenzo D. Wasson	Peter Haws
Davison Hibard	Wm. D. Huntington	Simeon A. Dunn
James Cummings	Elias Higbee	Wm. F. Cahoon
Joseph Rose	Reynolds Cahoon	Jas. H. Rollins
Brigham Young	Gustavus Hills	H. W. Miller
Willard Richards	Aaron Johnson	James Newbury
David S. Hollister	Geo. W. Robinson	John A. Forgeus
Amasa Lyman	Theodore Turley	Jared Carter
F. H. Moeser	Wilson Law	David H. Redfield
Vinson Knight	Edwin D. Woolley	John Taylor
Samuel H. Smith	S. B. Stoddard	E. L. Brown
Wm. Smith	Duncan McArthur	J. B. Backenstos
Dimick B. Huntington	Warren Smith	

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Alanson Ripley	Leonard Soby	Reuben Hadlock
Thomas Grover	Ezra Chase	Wm. Weeks
J. D. Parker	Graham Coltrin	Chauncy Robinson
J. P. Greene	Charles Shumway	Hosea Stout
John Gaylord	Nathaniel Jennings	John F. Weld
R. D. Foster	Joseph C. Kingsbury	John S. Fulmer
E. Robinson	David Sessions	David Fulmer

F. M. Higbee	Charles Kennedy	Charles Ivins
Hervey Green	Amos P. Rogers	Saml. Bennett
John Eldridge	John Anderson	S. H. Goddard
Shadrach Roundy	Elisha Everett	Jonathan H. Hale
Noah Packard	Lewis D. Wilson	John Bair
Alexander Badlam	Isaac Merley	Geo. W. Pitkin

On the second loose page Parley P. Pratt's signature is vertically down the page between the two columns. Following and paralleling his signature he added "and about / 250 others not written / down on this List." The signatures comprising the right hand column are:

Erastus H. Derby	J. S. Miles	James Worthington
John Murdock	Edward Martin	Geo. W. Crouse
A. P. Rockwood	Ransom Shepard	Palutiah Brown
Geo. W. Thatcher	Samuel Bent	Cornelius R. Lot
Philander Colton	Daniel C. Davis	Lorin Farr
Wilford Woodruff	Ezra T. Benson	John Greenhow
Wm. Huntington, Sen.	Geo. A. Smith	Joseph L. Robinson
Ephraim Potter, Jun.	G. L. Forgeus	Lorenzo Roundy
Joseph W. Coolidge	Joseph B. Noble	Hugh Hennigshaw
A. Mills	A. Milleken	Edwd. Thompson
John Lytle	John Fidoe	James W. Cummings
James Sloan	Lucian Woodworth	Parley P. Pratt
John Bills	Aaron Smith	and about
William Wightman	Orson Pratt	250 others not written down on this List.

The Minutes here reproduced are a sad and regretable record of Masons who were in a short time to be in violent disagreement and discord. Some of the brother Masons turned on Joseph Smith and the Church and were closely related to the brutal and tragic murders at Carthage Jail and the consequent heartache, grief and terrible tribulation. The interested and informed peruser will find much of vital consequence in these Minutes of an undertaking in brotherhood which started with enviable and exemplary enthusiasm, yet closed in disillusionment, hatred, strife and bloodshed.

#### *Acknowledgment*

It is not possible for me to adequately express my sense of personal indebtedness and grateful appreciation to Brother Paul R. Stephens, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois at Rushville, for all of his individually courteous and thoughtful responses to my numerous inquiries and requests. He has ever-generously and open-handedly made available to me the resources for which he is responsible. Obviously, without this support and assistance on his part, the above record of Nauvoo Lodge would still repose unpublished in the Illinois Archives. For all of this and much more I extend him my sincerest thanks.

